

Portugal – Cycling in Paradise Bike Tour (2025) Individual Self-Guided or Guided 8 days /7 nights to 4 days/ 3 nights



It's a cycling tour combining the convenience of the accommodation at our lovely country house, cycling through Alentejo and great weather for most of the year. The days are all very different and rides include visits to wineries, artisans and producers of local specialities. You will feel rewarded with the high knowledge of your local guide and the gorgeous landscape around our country guesthouse. Even if you choose the self-guided option, we will meet you every day to help you organise. You don't have to pack and unpack every day. Every morning you will meet your guide after a delicious breakfast and indulge on a beautiful bike ride.

This is a very **flexible biking in Portugal tour**. Tell us what you like and we will do our best to adapt. As you will meet your hosts every day, it is very easy to **adapt the tour to your preferences**. After all, it's **YOUR** holidays!



#### **Itinerary Day to Day**

### 8 days/7 nights:

3 dinners, 6 cycling routes – Route 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 or 7 (you can only choose one of these two. If you want to do the two of them there is an extra cost). You have 3 transfers included. You may also opt for a free day in the middle.

## 7 days/6 nights:

3 dinners, 5 cycling routes – a choice between Route 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 or 7 (you can only choose one of this two. If you want to do the two of them there is an extra cost). You have 3 transfers included (1 of them can be for route 6 or 7).

# 6 days/5 nights:

3 dinners, 4 cycling routes – a choice between Route 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. If you want to do Route 6 or 7 there is an extra cost. You have 3 transfers included.

# 5 days/4 nights:

2 dinners and 3 cycling routes – a choice between Route 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. If you want to do Route 6 or 7 there is an extra cost. You have 3 transfers included.

# 4 days/3 nights:

1 dinner and 2 cycling routes – a choice between Route 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. If you want to do Route 6 or 7 there is an extra cost. You have 2 transfers included.

#### Day 1: Arrival

Arrive early at the airport and take a transfer to Évora. We can arrange a private transfer from the airport, but we recommend taking a confortable bus or train ride to Évora. We will pick you up at the bus or train station. This is the most sustainable option, and we appreciate your contribution to both the environment and the planet. 5:00 PM — Enjoy a welcome drink while your guide gives a briefing about the exciting bike tour ahead. Get to know the route details for the upcoming days. Accommodation: Monte do Serrado de Baixo (Évora), a beautiful farm situated 8 kms form Évora. \*Although we would love to welcome you at our lovely farm, if you prefer, it is also possible to base this tour at a hotel in the city center



#### **Routes**

#### **Route 1: The Famous Carpets Cycling**

Along the eco-trail, a bike lane built on an old railway, through small farms, you'll get to Graça do Divor, a very well preserved white and blue village. A good place to stop for a drink and try the delicious meat pies of Mrs. Ilda! From here, this bike tour, heads to Arraiolos village, with its rich historical centre, famous carpets, and delicious Pastéis de Toucinho (local sweet). The views from its castle are unforgettable. It's now time for a winery visit and wine tasting. This farm also hosts a fantastic private carriage collection. Distance: From 41km to 59km depending on the hotel Plus 7km to Ravasqueira winery Plus 1km to 5km to Fita Preta winery



#### **Optional extras**

MONTE DA RAVASQUEIRA WINERY Start your day at Monte da Ravasqueira, exploring its vineyards, rich winemaking heritage, and classic carriage collection. Enjoy a guided wine tasting with regional flavors. Visit and Winetasting (2 Wines) 15 € Visit and Winetasting (4 Wines) 25 €

FITA PRETA WINERY Experience the flavors of Alentejo with a guided wine tasting at Fita Preta Winery, where you will sample three distinct local wines. Set in a stunning historic estate, a convent from the 14th century, this tasting offers a deep dive into the region's winemaking excellence. Visit and Winetasting (3 Wines) 35 € Visit and Winetasting (5 Wines) 55 € and Gastronomic Experience (Lunch) 150 €

MONTE DO SERRADO DE BAIXO FARM Welcome to the farm, home to the bike office - we would love to meet you! Even if you are not staying here, stop by and enhance your experience with a hands-on cooking class. Discover the secrets of traditional Portuguese cuisine and take a taste of Portugal home! Picnic lunch at the farm (1:30 PM) 35 € Dinner at the farm (drinks not included) Cooking Class at the farm (drinks not included) 35 € 50 €

BE AROMATIC FARM This charming farm is the passion project of Rute, a former designer turned dedicated organic farmer. Specializing in aromatic herbs, honey, and olive oil, she brings creativity and elegance to everything she touches - from planting to harvesting, teas to honey, and even a beautifully crafted cookbook. With the unwavering support of Margarida, this dream team transforms a small farm into a world of flavor and inspiration! Visit and Drink 35 € Visit and Tasting 45 € Herbarium 85 €



#### **Route 2: The Wine and Cork Route**

The bike tour leaves Évora direction of Igrejinha, a very white village where all houses have stripes with different colors, given a great painting look to the place. Here there is a very beautiful winery you can visit. It includes the visit to an old olive mill. Continue and discover much more about Alentejos culture by visiting a Prickly Pear plantation where you'll be able to taste a prickly pear juice or the tea made with this flower (depending on season). Then on to the cork factory, where you'll be able to see how the cork is transformed. Definitely the highlight of the day! Finish with a visit to Fita Preta winery, set in a 14th century amazing palace. Distance: From 41km to 56km, depending on the hotel

### **Optional extras**

AMOR É CEGO Discover the history of the farm, learn about the Galega olive tree (native to Portugal) and taste our Galega extra virgin olive oil, appreciating its qualities in the shade of an ancient olive tree. Tasting olive oil locally, with the producer, is the best way to find out how it is made and have confidence in what you are tasting. Visit and Olive Oil Tasting 40 €

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PEPE ARMOMAS FARM Pepe Aromas is a family-run organic farm near Évora, specializing in prickly pear cultivation and sustainable agriculture. There you can explore the farm and discover products like juices, jams, and cosmetics. Taste the prickly pear juice or the tea made with its flower Cactus Station - Just visit and explanation (shop) Natura - Just visit and explanation (shop and farm) 15 € 25 € Natura + Lux Tasting - Visit and Tasting Natura + Lunch Box - Visit and Lunch Box 45 € 55 €

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CASA RELVAS Casa Relvas was born from the desire to continue the history of a family linked to the land over five generations, on two continents. This family project was started in 1997 in São Miguel de Machede, by Alexandre Relvas, who saw in Herdade de São Miguel the vast horizons of his roots in Africa. Visit and Winetasting (3 Wines) 30 €

HERDADE DOS COELHEIROS Herdade dos Coelheiros, in Igrejinha, is a family-owned estate known for its exceptional wine tastings. Spanning 800 hectares, the estate features 50 hectares of vineyards and a commitment to organic farming. Visitors can enjoy guided jeep tours of the scenic landscape, followed by tastings of their red, white, and rosé wines, often paired with regional delicacies. The experience highlights the authenticity and quality of Alentejo's viticulture. Winetasting I (4 Wines) Winetasting II (6 Wines) 25 € 50 € HERDADE DOS COELHEIROS Herdade dos Coelheiros, in Igrejinha, is a family-owned estate known for its exceptional wine tastings. Spanning 800 hectares, the estate features 50 hectares of



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### **Route 3: Megalithic Monuments**

In the morning we unravel the amazing history of Évora's old, beautiful city, classified by UNESCO as World Heritage Site. We propose a visit to the surreal Bone chapel and to the impressive cathedral, originally from the 13th century. Finish with a wine tasting in the Évora Wine Tour Shop. After ride to the country side discovering beautiful holm oak forests and vast meadows. A peaceful landscape of grazing cattle and cheerful birds. Cycle to Zambujeiros' Dolmen – the biggest in Europe, the Almendres Cromelech – the oldest megalithic monument in Europe with a beautiful view over Évora, the Almendres Menhir and Mitra's Church. A very complete day! Distance: From 47km to 59km depending on the hotel

#### **Route 4: Conquest of Valongo Castle**

Most of the day is along a brand-new cycling lane, very peaceful and away from traffic. On some sections our track leaves the ecotrail so that you can enjoy quaint little villages and local cafés. But you can skip those exits if you prefer to take a picnic and enjoy the pure nature. The ecotrail is very flat and it will be a very easy ride. After a pause for a cold drink or coffee in Nossa Sra de Machede, continue until the mysterious castle of Valongo, which will provide shade while it unveils its roman past... From here continue on the ecotrail, take the asphalt road or go on an adventurous dirt track. Finish your day at the



winery of Ervideira and take a transfer back to the starting point. Distance: From 30km to 55km depending on the hotel

#### **Optional Extras**

ERVIDEIRA WINERY Step into the world of Ervideira, one of Portugal's most historic wineries, where tradition meets innovation. Since 1880, the Leal da Costa family has crafted exceptional wines, passing their passion through four generations. Vinha D' Ervideira Experience 30 €

### Route 5-Évora and its surroundings

We propose an easier cycling day, perfect to end with our cooking class (if you sleep there)! From our farm you will cycle to a cheese factory where you may do a visit and tasting. Then cycle to our gorgeous city where you may spend the day cycling and visiting several monuments suggested by us. The city is classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site and there is plenty to do and see. Try some of our great wines at Ervideira Wine Shop and after lunch we suggest you climb to Alto de São Bento, a favorite place for locals to watch the sun set. Distance: From 30km to 35km, depending on the hotel



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DIVINUS GOURMET SHOP Divinus Gourmet, located in Évora's Municipal Market near the Chapel of Bones, is a specialty shop offering over 500 gourmet products, with a strong emphasis on Alentejo's regional flavours. Their selection includes wines, chocolates, jams, liqueurs, biscuits, spices, and more. Olive Oil tasting with glass of white wine 25 €

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#### **Route 6: The Mediaeval Castle**

Today's bike tour destination is the fortified village of Monsaraz, an important stronghold in the defense of our nation just by the border with Spain. On the way we will visit the famous pottery village of S. Pedro do Corval, where you can see the men making magic with the clay, transforming it into beautiful pots and plates, and the ladies painting them with flowers in an impressive speed. Try the workshop! Then with Spain in sight lunch by the biggest artificial lake in Europe, the Alqueva dam reservoir. Then it's time to conquer the castle, use all your energy to climb up to Monsaraz. Enjoy the peaceful streets and the walk on the castle's walls. Return home with our transfer. Distance: 30kms or 45kms, if you cycle to Mourão



**Optional Extras** 

JOSÉ DE SOUSA WINERY Keeping alive a tradition started by the Romans more than 2000 years ago, the José de Sousa winery is equipped with 114 clay amphorae, an ancestral and extremely rare fermentation method. Here you can find a room with a menhir with 7000 years. All of this makes this the ideal place to witness the combination of innovation and tradition, and thus learn a little more about exceptional wines. We always try to show you special winerys, that have something more than wine. Visit and Winetasting (3 Wines) 30 €



ERVIDEIRA WINE SHOP IN MONSARAZ Located in the medieval village of Monsaraz, in the old primary school, this Wine Shop will undoubtedly leave you speechless. The space is divided into a closed room and a terrace, the latter of which allows us to share with you one of the most beautiful landscapes in Alentejo Ervideira's Winetasting 12 €

RETURN TO MONSARAZ BY BOAT End your cycling day with a scenic boat ride across the stunning Alqueva Lake, from Praia do Mourão to Praia Fluvial de Monsaraz. A perfect way to unwind on warm days while enjoying the beauty of the lake and the surrounding landscape Private Boat Trip - Minimum 2 180 €

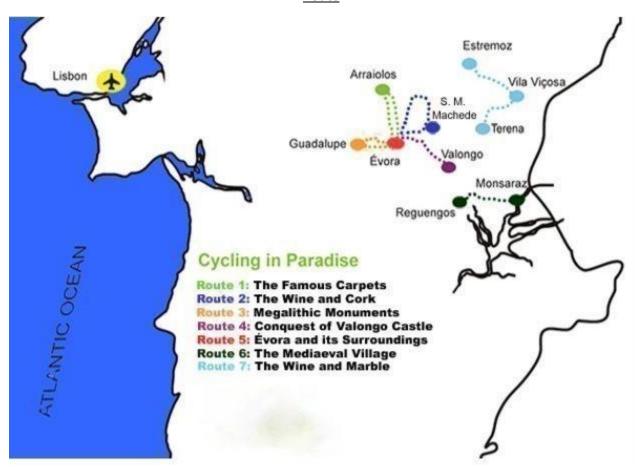
#### **Route 7: The Wine and Marble Route**

The day's ride will lead to the marble capital of Portugal. The marble triangle will mark the landscape for the bike day. The so called white gold is the main economy driver of the region. Its richness is a constant presence in the wide streets and tall buildings. Enjoy the rare sight over distinct colored lagoons that appear on abandoned quarries. Visit a working one as well and wonder about the men that look like ants down at the bottom of the huge holes. You may choose to visit the impressive Ducal Palace of Vila Viçosa. Finish the day with the visit to the fortified sanctuary of Terena. Distance: 46 kms, if you only cycle until Vila Viçosa 54 kms, if you cycle to Terena

**Day 8: Individual Departure** 



#### **Route**



# **Route Characteristics:**

**Route Profile:** This tour is rated as easy. Some days have distances as long as 81 kilometers, but a transfer can be arranged to shorten the distance. Overall terrain is on well paved roads and some dirt roads as well.

**Distance:** 180 - 309 km

Travel Season: Self-Guided: Departures daily.

Guided departures on request and November 8



Price per Person: all prices subject to confirmation on booking

Number of days /nights	8/7	7/6	6/5	5/4	4/3
Double Occupancy Self-Guided- min 2 riders	€1440	€1350	€990	€830	€570
Double Occupancy Guided- min 2 riders	€1925				
Season Supplement per reason per night Apr 1- May 31	€5				
Season Supplement per person per night June to Oct	€10				
Single Supplement per night	€36				
Single Supplement per night Apr 1-May 31	€48				
Single Supplement per night June to Oct	€58				
*Easter, Christmas, New Years and national holidays by request					
E-Bike Rental	€30/day				
E-bike rental 7 days	€ 100				
GPS Rental	€50				

### **Included:**

### Self-Guided:

- Double room with breakfast
- Route informations
- Bicycle, helmet, back rack or similar
- 24h phone support
- Personal accident insurance
- Luggage transfer
- Basic tools
- Transfer from Évora bus station and drop off on
- last day
- Welcome regional snack of wine, cheese and olive oil
- Tasty gastronomic surprises each day
- 1, 2 or 3 dinners (depending on the tour days)
- 2, 3, 4 or 5 transfers (depending on the tour days)
- Souvenir Portugal Cycling Jersey
- VAT tax

# Guided:

- All the included in the Self-guided tour
- Cycling guide



- Water and fruit for the day
- First aid assistance
- Cycling jersey

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The following if they are included on chosen routes

- Entrance fee for the Bones chapel, in Évora
- Entrance fee for the Évora's cathedral
- Entrance fee for the Vila Viçosa's Ducal palace
- 2 wine tastings in wineries
- 1 cheese and liqueur tasting

### **Not Included:**

- Insurance for bikes
- Travel insurance
- Tour cancelation insurance
- All items not mentioned in the "Included" section
- Lunches guide will stop at local café
- Support van it's a semi-independent tour, but with guide. Pick up can be provided, at extra cost, if you are tired.



### **Bikes**



# Our bikes are trekking bikes.

They were chosen because they are the best for the type of Portugal cycling tours we do. We use trekking tires, which are good for asphalt but also for dirt roads in good condition.

Kross Evado 6.0 Aluminum frame, disc brakes, 27 gears , front suspension fork

### You will love them to discover Portugal by bike.

You are very welcome to bring your own bike.

Please consult us to see if your bike is a good fit for the terrain of the tour you chose.

Also, take in consideration that transport of your bike from the airport to the first hotel is not included and there may be an extra cost for that transport.



### **Ebikes**

We have e-bikes (electric bikes) available for rent.. We recommend you book your e-bike as early as possible.



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